

CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1 1. A seamsaver for drywall, comprising:
 - 2 (a) an elongate rectangular panel of wood having a front
 - 3 face and first and second opposing side edges;
 - 4 (b) an elongate first ridge attached to the front face of
 - 5 the rectangular panel, the ridge being vertically centered on
 - 6 the rectangular panel and aligned along the first side edge of
 - 7 the rectangular panel;
 - 8 whereby the rectangular panel is adapted for having first and
 - 9 second abutting sheets of drywall are fastened along a seam
 - 10 formed by the abutting sheets of drywall, the ridge abutting the
 - 11 first sheet of drywall so that the first sheet is bent inward
 - 12 towards the rectangular panel in order to define a recess
 - 13 extending along the seam adapted for coating with joint
 - 14 compound.

1 2. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, further
2 comprising a second ridge identical in dimensions to said first
3 ridge, the second ridge being attached to the front face of said
4 panel, the second ridge being vertically centered and aligned
5 along the second side edge of said panel opposite said first
6 ridge, the second ridge being adapted for abutting the second
7 sheet of drywall, whereby both the first and second sheets of
8 drywall are bent inward towards the rectangular panel in order
9 to define the recess extending along the seam.

1 3. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein
2 said first ridge is rectangular in cross section.

1 4. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein
2 said first ridge comprises an elongate, substantially U-shaped
3 channel, having a front flange and a rear flange joined by a
4 web, the front flange being substantially wedge-shaped, the
5 channel being closely disposed over the first side edge of said
6 panel with the front flange attached to the front face.

1 5. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein
2 said first ridge comprises an elongate, substantially L-shaped
3 angle, having a front flange and a side flange normal to the
4 front flange, the front flange being substantially wedge-shaped,
5 the angle being closely disposed over the first side edge of
6 said panel with the front flange attached to the front face.

1 6. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein
2 said rectangular panel is about forty-eight inches in length and
3 between about four and ten inches in width.

1 7. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein
2 said first ridge is between about twenty-eight and thirty-four
3 inches in length.

1 8. The seamsaver for drywall according to claim 1, wherein
2 said ridge has a thickness between about one-sixteenth and one-
3 eighth inches.

1 9. A seamsaver for drywall, comprising an elongated,
2 rectangular block of wood measuring a total of fifty-three
3 inches long, two and one-half inches wide and one and one forth
4 inch thick, the block having an elongated, uniform, gradual
5 slope measuring forty-eight inches running from two and one half

6 inches from the top of said block to two and one half inches
7 from the bottom of said block and reaching a maximum depth of
8 one-eighth inch.